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THE ADAM VAN ALLEN HOUSE
Kinderhook, Columbia County
New York

Owner: Mrs. W.V.A. Herrick.

Date of Erection: 1737.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One and a half.

Materials of Construction: Brick; stone base.

Other Existing Records: See text.¹

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ See also the following reference:

Eberlein: The Manors and Historic Homes of the
Hudson Valley (1924), 220-221.

VAN ALLEN HOUSE
KINDERHOOK, N. Y.

This house, situated on what was the original Albany Post Road, was built in 1737 by either Adam Van Alen (1703-1784) or his father, Johannes.

The south end of the present house, consisting of two rooms with a fire-place in each, was erected first, the north extension being added later. The existing front door replaces the original which, according to the present owner, had a transom above it of two rows of small glass panes. The present entrance porch and the east dormers are a comparatively recent addition.

In "Legends of Sleepy Hollow" Washington Irving is said to have based his description of a typical Dutch farmhouse on the Van Alen House and his heroine Katrina Van Tassel on Adam Van Alen's daughter.

The present owner, Mrs. William Van Alen Herrick, is a direct descendant.

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